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To establish the Great Falls Historic District, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KLEIN (for himself, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Mr. GALLO, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To establish the Great Falls Historic District, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Great Falls Preserva-
5 tion and Redevelopment Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Great Falls Historic District in the
9 State of New Jersey is an area of unique historical

1 significance as the first site of industrial develop-
2 ment, and has remained largely intact, including
3 architecturally significant structures;

4 (2) the Great Falls Historic District is listed on
5 the National Register of Historic Places;

6 (3) the natural beauty and splendor of the
7 Great Falls makes the city of Paterson unique
8 among major urban areas in the United States;

9 (4) the Great Falls Historic District is within
10 a half hour drive of New York City, and within two
11 hours of Philadelphia, Hartford, New Haven, and
12 Wilmington;

13 (5) the District was established by the Society
14 of Useful Manufactures, an organization whose lead-
15 ers included such historically renowned individuals
16 as Alexander Hamilton; and

17 (6) the Great Falls Historic District has been
18 the subject of a number of studies which have shown
19 that the District is a unique combination of historic
20 significance and natural beauty worthy of and
21 uniquely situated for preservation and redevelop-
22 ment, including Urban Design and Historic Preser-
23 vation Plan, by A. Nelessen Associates, Inc. of
24 Princeton, New Jersey (1992); Rebuilding Paterson:
25 The Third Century, by the Port Authority of New

1 York and New Jersey (1991); Great Falls Historic
2 District Redevelopment Plan, by the Department of
3 Community Development of the City of Paterson
4 (1979); Historic American Engineering Record Sur-
5 vey, by the United States Department of the Interior
6 (1974); and Field Evaluation of the Great Falls/
7 S.U.M. Historic District, by the Smithsonian Insti-
8 tution and the National Trust for Historic Preserva-
9 tion (1972).

10 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

11 The purpose of this Act is to preserve and interpret
12 the educational and inspirational benefit of the unique and
13 distinguished contribution to our national heritage of cer-
14 tain historic and cultural lands, waterways and edifices of
15 the Great Falls Historic District with emphasis on har-
16 nessing this unique urban environment for its educational
17 and recreational value, as well as to enhance economic and
18 cultural redevelopment within the District.

19 **SEC. 4. GREAT FALLS HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

20 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in
21 the city of Paterson in the county of Passaic in the State
22 of New Jersey the Great Falls Historic District.

23 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the District
24 shall be the boundaries as specified for the Great Falls

1 Historic District listed on the National Register of His-
2 toric Places.

3 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer
5 the District through cooperative agreements in accordance
6 with this Act. In expending moneys appropriated pursuant
7 to this Act, the Secretary may make grants to and enter
8 into cooperative agreements with nonprofit entities for the
9 purchase of property or easements, emergency stabiliza-
10 tion, and the establishment of a coordinated fund to carry
11 out the purposes of this Act, including (but not limited
12 to) the following:

13 (1) An evaluation of—

14 (A) the existing condition of historic and
15 architectural resources; and

16 (B) the environmental and flood hazard
17 conditions within the District.

18 (2) Recommendations for—

19 (A) rehabilitating, reconstructing, and
20 adaptively reusing such historic and architec-
21 tural resources;

22 (B) preserving viewsheds, focal points, and
23 streetscapes;

24 (C) establishing gateways to the District;

1 (D) establishing and maintaining parks
2 and public spaces;

3 (E) restoring, improving, and developing
4 raceways and adjacent areas;

5 (F) developing public parking areas;

6 (G) improving pedestrian and vehicular cir-
7 culation within the District;

8 (H) improving security within the District,
9 with an emphasis on preserving historically sig-
10 nificant structures from arson; and

11 (I) establishing a visitor's center.

12 (b) RESTORATION, MAINTENANCE, AND INTERPRE-
13 TATION.—The Secretary may enter into cooperative agree-
14 ments with the owners of properties within the District
15 of historical or cultural significance as determined by the
16 Secretary, pursuant to which the Secretary may mark, in-
17 terpret, improve, restore, and provide technical assistance
18 with respect to the preservation and interpretation of such
19 properties. Such agreements shall contain, but need not
20 be limited to, provisions that the Secretary shall have the
21 right of access at reasonable times to public portions of
22 the property for interpretive and other purposes, and that
23 no changes or alterations shall be made in the property
24 except by mutual agreement.

1 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH STATE.—In
2 administering the District, the Secretary may enter into
3 cooperative agreements with the State of New Jersey, or
4 any political subdivision thereof, for the rendering, on a
5 reimbursable basis, of rescue, firefighting, and law en-
6 forcement services and cooperative assistance by nearby
7 law enforcement and fire preventive agencies and for other
8 appropriate purposes.

9 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

10 As used in this Act—

11 (1) the term “District” means the Great Falls
12 Historic District established by section 4; and

13 (2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
14 of the Interior.

15 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as
17 may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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